GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF ALCOHOL
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of alcohol in the country is largest in the world and its production is increasing day-by-day;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to formulate any strategy to bring down the production of alcohol; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) Production of Alcohol in India is not largest in the world. Brazil, USA are major alcohol producing countries in the world. Production of alcohol depends upon production of sugarcane/molasses which in turn are dependent on vagaries of monsoons and is cyclic in nature.

(b) Apart from potable sector, Alcohol is also used for Industrial sector particularly in the production of Alcohol based chemicals. Now Alcohol is also used for blending with petrol. In view of the growing demand of alcohol from various user sectors, there is no proposal to formulate any strategy to bring down the production of alcohol.

(c) Not applicable.